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## A KINGLY PRIESTHOOD

**T**HOSE who insist that Peter was the first Pope entirely disregard the fact that he felt in writing, as part of the Bible, instructions as to how the Christian church should be ruled. They read intently the encyclical letters of Pope Pius XII, but either ignore or are unaware of the letters of the Apostle Peter, which no Pope today would dare to emphasize.

For Peter preached and put into writing the principles of the real New Order of the Christian dispensation. He would have been untrue to his Master had he taught that one man could be an autocrat over other men, either in spiritual or political matters. "Ye are a chosen generation," he told the early Christians, "*a royal (kingly) priesthood.*" (I Peter 2:9). Peter's doctrine is that each one is his own king and his own priest. This is democracy with a vengeance! In civil government each one was to possess the highest governing power, and, as in our American democracy, merely delegate this power by election, for a limited time, to those he chooses to represent him in the work of governing.

Most important of all, Peter taught that in religious matters each one is his own priest, a member of "*a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*" (I Peter 2:5)

Peter furthermore expressly forbids the ministers of the Christian religion to lord it over the flock. He exhorts them as elders, as he himself is just an elder, not to use force in the ordering of things within the church. How then can the Pope of Rome, who claims to be Peter's successor, consider himself an autocratic king in temporal affairs and the sole mouthpiece of God on earth?

The history of the Popes is in direct contradiction to the teaching of Peter. Instead of following Peter, the Popes have imitated the Caesars of the Roman empire and the *Pontifex Maximus* of the pagan religion of Rome, whose title they appropriated. They have always supported tyrannical monarchs and brutal dictators who oppressed the people, who are true priests and kings in the Christian sense. They have killed this right of the people by condemning it as "socialism" and "communism." No doubt, if Peter were on earth today, the Pope would brand him too as a Communist—and a Jewish Communist at that.

## EDITORIAL NOTES AND COMMENTS

### CATHOLIC GRIP ON ARGENTINA

NO ONE can afford to regard with complacency what is taking place in Argentina, where Fascism with all its evil consequences has come into power. And as elsewhere, Fascism in Argentina has found a willing partner in the Roman Catholic hierarchy, among whom is Bishop Miguel de Andrea of Buenos Aires who was publicized in this country in 1942 as a firm believer in democracy. Along with suppression of democratic organizations, censorship of the democratic press and punitive measures against upholders of all the freedoms, Argentina's Fascist regime decreed a most obnoxious law last December 31, to the effect that teaching of the Roman Catholic religion be made compulsory in all schools.

The one hopeful aspect of this spread of Fascism to the Americas is the resistance put up against it by the people and liberal organizations of Argentina. The Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, Dr. J. Honorio Silueira, was courageous enough to resign in protest against the decree forcing Catholic instruction on all the schools of the country. He was immediately branded as a Freemason and a Protestant. And again it was reported in an April 23rd dispatch from Montevideo to the N. Y. *Herald Tribune* that Dr. Estaban Randanina, professor of mathematics in Bartholome Mitre National College in

Buenos Aires, had been suspended for writing an article in *La Nacion* to prove that the government's decree making Catholic religious teaching compulsory in the schools was unconstitutional. The suspension order accused the professor of attempting "to incite disrespect for decrees of national authority."

Then came the arbitrary suspension on April 26 of *La Prensa*, Buenos Aires' famous democratic daily, because it dared to write an editorial cautiously criticizing compulsory Catholic teaching. This was followed on April 27, by the suppression of the pro-democratic *Italia Libera*, Argentina's Italian-language newspaper, long a foe of Mussolini.

A third decree of the Argentine Government on April 30, 1944, capped all the others. According to a dispatch from Montevideo of that date to the *New York Times*, this decree "makes it legal to open and operate houses of prostitution."

Here we have the old reliable authoritarian Church-State formula for dulling the social consciousness of the masses of the people: make the teaching of Roman Catholicism compulsory; withhold education from the common people and forbid freedom of speech and press; lastly, let them forget their oppression in lotteries, drink and debauchery.

## ASSASSINATION AND RELIGION IN MEXICO

**T**HE PRESIDENT of Mexico, Manuel Avila Camacho, escaped death by a hair's breadth at the hands of Lieutenant Antonio de la Loma Rojas on last April 10. Formerly a student for the Catholic priesthood, Lt. de la Rojas is said to have turned soldier overnight and become the trusted friend and body-guard of President Camacho.

The motives behind this attempt on the life of President Camacho were religious, as the assailant stated. It later was made known that he was also intimately connected with a woman who is a leader of the Mexican Sinarquist movement, which is frankly Fascist in character. Señor Lombardo Toledano, president of the *Latin-American Confederation of Labor*, in an interview to the press in New York City on April 17, as reported in the *New York Times* the following day, stated that Lt. de la Rojas' attempt to kill Camacho "was part of a conspiracy by a Fascist army group to overthrow the present Government of Mexico and establish a Fascist dictatorship on the Argentine model." Toledano then added: "*The directors of this conspiratorial center were some Mexican Catholic priests and reactionary elements among whom a prominent place was taken by Lieutenant de la Loma.*" Most alarming of all was Señor Toledano's statement that a United States' Army chaplain by the name of O'Brien was involved, and he showed photographs to prove it.

This is a story that has been often told before, of Catholic church conspiracy to attain control even by assassination. A former Mexican Presi-

dent, Obregon, was assassinated in 1926 by José Toral, who was likewise inspired by Catholic priests and nuns, in the belief that he was doing a service to God on the instructions of his church.



## THE TEMPTER COMES TO US

**BISHOP McINTYRE** of New York recently sent Father William R. O'Connor, a professor at Dunwoodie Seminary, to us with a proposal to our group of former priests at Christ's Mission that we come to an agreement with him and return to the Catholic church.

Our answer was a counter-proposal that he and his priests join us at Christ's Mission and work together with us in proclaiming the truth and teaching the Catholic people the saving message of Christ's redemptive work.



## ON GUARD!

**A** REAL THREAT to freedom of the press, and especially to THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE, is contained in the "Lynch Bill" (H.R. 2328), now before Congress. It would give power to the Postmaster General, ardent Catholic Frank J. Walker, "to bar from the mails papers, pamphlets, books, etc., containing any defamatory and false statement tending to expose persons of any race or religion to hatred, contempt or ridicule." It takes no stretch of the imagination to guess the use our present Postmaster General would make of this authority.

Happily, Protestants are awake to the danger, and already, on April 3, the board of directors of the Washington Federation of Churches announced its unanimous vote to oppose the bill. Here is what the board publicly stated:



"This bill represents a dangerous attack on free speech, and is extremely unwise in threatening with criminal penalties any person with whom the Postmaster General may disagree as to what is defamatory or false."

This is a mild way of putting this threat to free speech. Already Postmaster General Walker has made himself the arbitrary censor of most commercial magazines, with the help of Bishop Noll's N.O.D.L. Everyone with interest in religious truth should oppose any such governmental measure. State support for religion weakens and corrupts it. The history of the Roman Catholic church is proof of this.



### CATHOLIC 'GUTTER JOURNALISM'

**H**YSTERICAL name-calling seems to be the only answer left to Roman Catholic apologists when faced with factual criticism by Protestant periodicals. Not only THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE, but even over-cautious and over-confident liberal journals like *Christianity and Crisis* come in for their share of Catholic gutter journalism.

In its issue for last March, the *Holy Name Journal*, official organ of the Holy Name Society, attacked *Christianity and Crisis* as "a poisonous little journal" which follows the line of the Third International. The reason for the attack was a mildly critical editorial by (Protestant-Episcopal) Bishop Parsons on the problem of the Catholic church's interference in politics, and the editorial policy in general of *Christianity and Crisis* of advocating an accord with Russia. All the members of its editorial board are maligned by the Catholic

journal in like manner. Dr. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, for instance, is called "an internationally known agitator who has preached in Spain, Peru and Mexico." Bishop Parsons is openly accused of being a Communist, and Rev. Dr. Howard Chandler Robbins is warned not to lend his name to a magazine which is "designed to further no cause of God, but rather to wage ceaseless war upon the very Church founded by the Son of God."

The answer of *Christianity and Crisis* to what it rightly calls "this kind of gutter journalism," was to the point. "No preaching of 'good-will' between Catholics and Protestants," it declared, "will avail very much if Catholics insist on identifying Protestant criticism with Communism."



### THE BOYCOTT GETS US

**MANY DIFFICULTIES** had to be overcome in order to make available H. G. Wells' book, "Crux Ansata," to the American public. The final obstacle was the failure at the last minute of the bindery to fulfill its contract, because the Catholic workmen in the factory refused to handle the job. The forces of reaction are still strong among us.

**BUY WAR BONDS**



## THE CASE OF FATHER ORLEMANSKI

THE BACKGROUND of the hierarchy's opposition to Father Orlemanski's trip to Russia in early May is generally unknown. The following facts will help to clarify it:

The condemnation of Father Orlemanski, before the completion of his trip to Russia, by the NCWC, mouthpiece of the hierarchy, was obviously inspired by Pope Pius XII and his Jesuit advisers.

Roman authorities have silenced Father Orlemanski for the same anti-democratic reason that Pope Pius XI destroyed the Catholic Center Party in Germany: to centralize all political authority and initiative in the Vatican so that it can initiate and complete deals over the heads of the people, as it did in its pact with Hitler.

The official Catholic pretext for the condemnation of Father Orlemanski, namely, that "treating with Communists" is forbidden by recent popes, is obviously insincere. Louis Fischer in *The Soviets in World Affairs* tells of prolonged negotiations between the Vatican and the Soviet Government that almost resulted in a concordat between them in 1923.

The Vatican still champions the opposition against Russia of Polish militarists and other reactionaries. It looks forward to a post-war centralization of this opposition around a Madrid-Buenos Aires axis. Only if and when it abandons all hope for such plots, will it undertake negotiations with Russia.

The Catholic hierarchy of America, who give liberty and tacit approval to the Fascism of Fathers Coughlin, Curran and Brophy, have condemned without delay the pro-democratic political

## NEW CIRCUMSTANCES



activities of Father John M. Crann of Youngstown, Ohio, of Dr. Francis E. McMahon and Father Orlemanski. This double-dealing reveals strikingly the real political aims and policy of the Catholic church.

## NEW PAMPHLETS

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"The Subversive Teaching of Purgatory," price 5¢ a copy. From our May issue.

## THE MYTHICAL LIBERALISM OF POPE LEO XIII

By J. J. MURPHY

**D**EFENDERS of Catholic church policy in America have found it extremely difficult to live down both the medieval mentality of Pope Pius IX and the pro-Fascism of Pope Pius XI. To offset this, they endeavor to save face by making Pope Leo XIII—who came in between the above two Popes named Pius—appear as the embodiment of liberal and social reform. Even Protestants have come to accept him as an outstanding liberal and social reformer. Leo XIII's keen yet venerable appearance, strikingly similar to that of Voltaire, has contributed no small amount to this wide acclaim. His photograph, reproduced in countless copies, caught the imagination of the world. He has come to be looked upon by many Americans as the modern personification of ancient wisdom.

Much as one may hate to destroy a pretty fiction, historical truth leaves no other choice as far as the myth of Leo XIII is concerned. The fact is that in purpose and ideals he was entirely one with his reactionary predecessors. He differed from them only in subtleness of approach and method. The masterful self-control and flawless diplomacy of Joachim Pecci, the Italian nobleman who became Leo XIII, are a tribute to the Jesuits who had exclusive charge of his education from the time he first entered their school at Viterbo at the age of nine.

How different Leo XIII's methods

were from the defiant threats used by his predecessor, Pius IX, is well illustrated in the battle of power politics they both waged against Bismarck. Pius IX publicly castigated him as a "second Nero" and "the scourge of God." Leo XIII on the contrary, avoiding personal abuse, maneuvered cleverly to demonstrate to Bismarck his absolute control over the Catholic masses of Germany. At the psychological moment he struck a profitable political deal with Bismarck by forcing the unwilling Windhorst, president of the *Center Party*, and his millions of German-Catholic followers in 1887, to stand silently by while Bismarck hammered the whole country into a centralized military unit intent on world conquest.<sup>1</sup> He made this "second Nero" a knight of the *Supreme Order of Christ*, personally decorating him with diamond trappings.

### HIS IDEA OF TOLERANCE

Far from being the great liberal depicted by Catholic propagandists, Leo XIII adhered to the doctrine of blind obedience and reaction defined by former Pontiffs. In his very first encyclical he declared: "We follow in the footsteps of our predecessors and confirm and repeat all those things from this Apostolic See of Truth."

<sup>1</sup> The April, 1944, issue of THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE quoted an editorial censure of Leo XIII's unprincipled deal with Bismarck taken from the N. Y. Times of February 8, 1887.

Well-informed Protestants and even a few Catholics know that in his encyclical *Quanta Cura* and its accompanying *Syllabus* Pius IX solemnly condemned the following proposition that:

**"The Roman Pontiff can and ought to reconcile himself and agree with progress, liberalism and modern culture."**

Few, however, realize that the originator and inspirer of this infamous *Syllabus of Errors* was Leo XIII. J. B. Bury, world-famous Cambridge historian, in his *History of the Papacy in the 19th Century* (p. 2) says:

**"The originator of the idea of cataloguing and condemning modern errors was not Pius IX, but his successor Leo XIII. At the Council of Spoleto in 1849, Pecci, then Bishop of Perugia, proposed that the Council should request the Pope (Pius IX) to condemn the most flagrant errors of the day respecting the authority of the Church and the rights of property."**

It is evident that from the man who inspired the *Syllabus*, who sat by silently while papal infallibility was defined as Apostolic doctrine, who was so close to the heart of the arch-reactionary Pius IX that he made him Cardinal, new extremes of intolerance could logically be expected.

The bias and intolerance of Leo XIII can be measured by his encyclical *Humanum Genus* in which he reviles Freemasonry in most intemperate language. He speaks of its "savage treachery and deceptive craftiness" and vilifies it as "this foul plague" and "the Synagogue of Satan." He goes on to identify its aims and principles with those of Communism. The following are samples of the entire document:

**"In our days, those who follow the Evil One seem to conspire and work together under the leadership and help of that strong and widespread fraternity, which is called Freemasonry."**

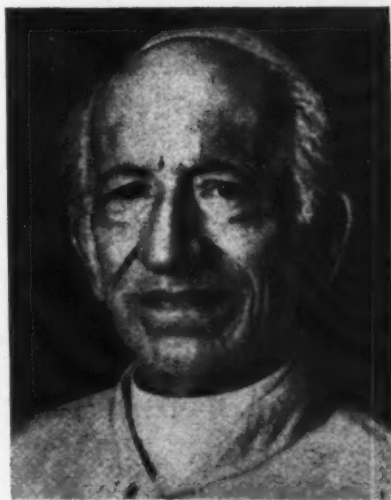
**"Nay, where it has been freely in power . . . decency and uprightness of**

**manners go down, horrible and monstrous opinions raise their head and crimes increase with appalling audacity."**

Leo XIII thought no more of Protestantism than he did of Freemasonry. In an attempt to impute to Protestantism blame for the assassination of the Russian czar and to prejudice the imperial nations of Europe against it, he declared in his encyclical *Diuturnum Illud* that the Protestant Reformation led to a "common danger to human society, and especially to civil government." Though he issued an encyclical on Christian marriage, he did nothing to alter the long-standing Roman Catholic doctrine that Protestant marriages were mere concubinage and their offspring illegitimate.<sup>2</sup>

In the London *Times* of April 11, 1879, there was printed a letter from Leo XIII to the Cardinal Vicar of Rome deploring the fact that the loss of temporal power by the Holy See prevented

<sup>2</sup> This official Roman Catholic teaching was not changed until 1908, when the *Ne Temere* decree was issued by Leo XIII's successor, Pius X.



POPE LEO XIII

him from closing the Protestant schools in Rome. He bewailed that in these schools "the tender minds of boys and girls are imbued with wicked doctrines in conformity with the heterodox spirit of those who teach them." He added that, if he only had the power, he would close Rome to all Protestant worship.

So vehement was Leo XIII's opposition to all non-Catholic religions that twice in one year, in solemn pronouncements directed to the American hierarchy, he forbade Catholics to appear at any kind of interfaith meeting.<sup>3</sup>

Other reactionary measures of Leo XIII's pontificate, apart from politics, include his re-establishment of the *Index* of forbidden books, condemnation of Bible societies, denial of the validity of the Anglican priesthood on the basis of unproved historical assertions, prosecution of Catholic scholars like Father Doellinger, glorification of Catholic reactionaries such as Liguori and Veuilot, solemn approval of the medieval hoax known as the House of Loreto and of the superstitious practice of swallowing tissue-paper images of the Virgin Mary as a cure for diseases.

#### HIS ANTI-SEMITISM

In his decree re-establishing the *Index Expurgatorius* Leo XIII confirmed and carried forward the crude anti-Semitism of his papal predecessors. In that decree he states:

"Although in the '*Index Expurgatorius*' issued by Pope Pius IV, the Jewish Talmud with all its glossaries, annotations, interpretations and expositions was prohibited, if published without the name 'Talmud' and without its vile calumnies against the Christian religion, it could be tolerated. However, our Holy Lord, Pope Clement VIII, in

his Constitution against impious writings and Jewish books, published in Rome in the year 1592 . . . proscribed and condemned them. It was not his intention thereby to permit or tolerate them even under the above conditions, for he expressly and specifically stated and willed that the impious Talmudic, Cabalistic and other nefarious books of the Jews be entirely condemned and that they must remain condemned and prohibited, and that his Constitution about these books must be perpetually and inviolably observed."

In the Jewish Encyclopedia (Vol. X, p. 127) the fact is mentioned that Pope Leo XIII conferred papal honors on the vicious anti-Semite Edouard Drumont, author of the notorious book *La France Juive* ('Jewish France') in which he accuses the Jews of ritual murder.

#### OPPOSITION TO DEMOCRACY

One of the most insidious and far-reaching attacks on the modern mind was Leo XIII's encyclical *Aeterni Patris Filius*, which decreed that Catholic philosophy and all future education of priests must be based on the medieval speculations of Thomas Aquinas. This was another clear-cut victory for the Jesuits who glory in the works of Aquinas largely because of his reactionary teachings on the temporal power of the popes, the death penalty for heretics, and similar social-political subjects.

Aquinas in a treatise entitled *De Regimine Principum* declares that monarchies are the best kind of government "because States which are not ruled by one man labor under dissensions and are tossed about, deprived of peace." He goes on to say:

"As, therefore, the body has through the soul power and movement . . . so the temporal jurisdiction of rulers depends on the spiritual jurisdiction of Peter and his successors."

<sup>3</sup> Encyclical *Longinqua Oceani*, issued on January 6, 1895, and pontifical letter, *Coetus in Foederatis*, dated September 18, 1895.

Likewise in his *Summa Theologica*, Aquinas teaches the same doctrine:

"For temporal power [the State] is subjected to spiritual power [the Church] as the body is to the soul. Therefore, it is not a usurpation of jurisdiction for a spiritual prelate to intrude himself into temporal affairs."<sup>4</sup>

In his encyclicals, particularly *Humanae Genus*, Leo XIII declared war on the basic principles of democracy. He condemned the following doctrines that are the foundation of our American government: *sovereignty of the people; the right to overthrow unworthy rulers; separation of Church and State; confinement of the church to its spiritual functions; freedom of religion; freedom of speech and the press; right of the State to regulate marriage.*

The following quotation from *Humanae Genus* illustrates the way in which the sovereignty of the people is denied as well as their right to overthrow a tyrant or dictator:

"Whence it is understood that he who has power to rule, *whoever he may be, is God's minister* . . . And it is absolutely false to say that the people have the right to withdraw obedience whenever they see fit."

In his encyclical *Libertas Humana*, Leo XIII declared:

"It is absolutely unlawful to demand, to defend, or to grant unconditional freedom of thought, of speech, of writing, of worship."

In his encyclical *Longinqua Oceani*, Leo XIII decreed:

"It is necessary to destroy the error of those who might believe, perhaps, that the situation of the Church in America is a desirable one, and also the error of those who might believe that in imitation of that sort of thing the separation of Church and State is legal and even convenient."

<sup>4</sup> *Summa Theologica*, II - II, quaes. 60, art. 6. Cf. I-II, quaes. 6, art. 4.

## POWER POLITICS

When Leo XIII, backed by the Jesuits, was elected Pope after only a two-day conclave Léon Gambetta, political leader of France, uncannily greeted his elevation with the following statement that turned out to be literally true:

"The elegant and subtle Cardinal Pecci is elected. He is more diplomat than priest . . . We may expect a marriage of convenience between the Church and the modern State."

Leo XIII was determined to regain the political prestige of the church, and to prove to the leading powers of Europe the church's ability to help or hinder them by its absolute control of the Catholic masses. Fülöp-Miller in his book *Leo XIII and Our Times* (p. 108) says of him:

"In his hands, the age-old and seemingly cumbrous and antiquated political machinery of the Vatican, with its widely ramified net of official and secret agents and reporters, suddenly becomes again a vigorous and effective weapon of policy."

For generations the Vatican has abetted tottering monarchies and unsuccessfully fought the rise of democracies all over Europe. Even after these democratic regimes were established, it plotted against them and in some cases, as in Italy, forbade Catholics to take part in elections. Leo XIII decided to try new tactics, to organize the Catholic masses in each democratic country in order to gain control of the government or at least a balance of power.

Typical of Leo XIII's power politics was his use of his control over Ireland as a threat to extort from English imperialists new political favors for the Vatican. In return for political bribes from England, he made seven severe pronouncements to the Irish people within six years, condemning their resistance to the evils of landlordism and



defending the exorbitant rent agreements as "just contracts."

In a similar way he played political chess with the fate of Catholic Poland, that had once been independent. Fülöp-Miller (p. 116) describes one of these maneuvers as follows:

"Pope Leo XIII gave the Russian Foreign Minister Giers to understand that he might be prepared to use his influence with the Poles in a direction favorable to the Czarist Government, and again, as with France, the 'papal card' won the game. Giers decided to enter into diplomatic relations with the Vatican."

"Although the Polish party at the Vatican did everything in its power to prevent the Pontiff from throwing his influence on the side of the Czarist regime, the Pope now sent instructions to the Polish bishops that they were to 'impress upon the faithful the duty of obedience to the secular power and docility toward the ruling authorities,' and to see that no Roman Catholic in Russia entered 'any societies which are working for a revolution in the State.'"

Able to play ruthless politics, pitting one nation against another, Leo XIII made the Vatican once again the political pulse of European politics. Much of this success was due not to political brilliance but to the unprincipled casuistry of the Jesuits. One was allowed to do evil for a good purpose or in order to avoid what might be imagined as a 'greater evil.' In his encyclical *Libertas Praestantissimum* Leo XIII expressed the same idea when he said that it is not evil "to tolerate what is at variance with truth and justice, for the sake of avoiding some greater evil, or of obtaining or preserving some greater good."

#### 'RERUM NOVARUM'

It is a well-known historical fact that the Vatican always allied itself with reactionary nobles and large landowners, while consistently ignoring the outeries of the common people. When a

liberal priest, like de Lamennais, rose to plead their cause, he was forced to resign from the priesthood in order to continue his campaign for social decency and justice.

As cities grew and industry spread, Socialism sprang up and attracted large numbers of Catholics in spite of the unceasing condemnations of the Vatican. Leo XIII having been an eyewitness of these conditions in Belgium years before, realized that if the church was not to lose the masses to Socialism, it would have to alter its policy toward industrial workers, or at least put up a pretence of doing so. The encyclical *Rerum Novarum* was the result. It offered a counter-proposal to Socialism, which it condemned anew. In the main, it proposed in vague outline a vocational or semi-caste system along the lines of the medieval guilds, such as was later carried out under Fascism in Italy and Austria.

A devastating analysis of *Rerum Novarum*, listing its omissions, fallacies and reactionary undercurrents is found in Henry George's book, *The Condition of Labor*.

The following excerpt from *Rerum Novarum* speaks for itself:

"Let it be laid down, in the first place, that humanity must remain as it is . . . unequal fortune is a necessary result of inequality in condition . . . To suffer and endure is therefore the lot of humanity; let men try as they may, no strength and no artifice will ever succeed in banishing from human life the ills and troubles which beset it."

*Rerum Novarum* had as its ultimate and real purpose a counter-revolution against modern democratic society and a reversion to the Church-State union of the Middle Ages. This purpose, implicit in the words of Leo XIII, became crystal-clear when Pius XI, forty years later, used *Rerum Novarum* as the foundation for Clerical-Fascist govern-

ments, which he outlined in his encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno* and brought into being in Italy, Austria, Portugal and Spain.

Konrad Heiden in *Der Fuehrer* (p. 454) notes that in *Rerum Novarum* "there was an overtone, inaudible at the time, which was re-echoed decades later in many phrases of Hitler."

The immediate purpose of Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum* was to throw a sop to the working classes to entice them away from Socialism. The Vatican of course did nothing to bring about the better conditions it extolled in empty words. Catholic countries remained, as always, the most backward in social-insurance reforms for workingmen and their families. Protestant Germany, Great Britain and Scandinavia gave an example that Catholic countries refused to imitate. On the contrary, in Catholic countries like Spain, Austria and Mexico the most active opponents of social reform were the Catholic clergy and their Catholic backers in the reactionary political parties.

Genuine social reform can be effected only through the freedom that flows from democratic government. How basically insincere were the lofty pretensions of *Rerum Novarum* can be seen from the later Vatican condemnations of those who attempted to organize democratic social reforms. When Marc Sangnier started the *Sillon* movement in France he was immediately slapped down. Father Romolo Murri in Italy was obliged to resign from the priesthood in order to continue his work to better the condition of workingmen. When the first Catholic *Popular Party* groups in Italy began to work seriously for social reform along democratic lines, Leo XIII dispatched a categorical papal document to whip them into line with the reac-

tionaries. Pro-Catholic professor Carl Eckhardt of the University of Colorado grudgingly admits in his book *The Papacy in World-Affairs* (p. 254) that:

"It is true that in January, 1902, Leo XIII somewhat reversed his liberal policy as expressed in *Rerum Novarum* (1891), when he issued the encyclical concerning *Christian Democracy in Italy*, in which he condemned as novelties all such things as factory laws for children, old age pensions, minimum wages for agricultural laborers, the 8-hour day, trade guilds, and the encouragement of Sunday rest, because they approached Socialism too freely, and counseled the popular Christian movement, *Partito Popolare*, in Italy to devote its energies to a restoration of the temporal power [of the Vatican]."<sup>5</sup>

The contrast between Leo XIII's world-wide reputation as a liberal and the stark reaction of his official teachings and political policies is a monument to the power of the Jesuits' propaganda and their ability to falsify history.



## SPECTACULAR NONSENSE

THE SENSE-APPEALING CULTS of pagan Rome are called to mind by the theatrical display of Catholic worship. The N. Y. *Herald Tribune* of last January 19 described the enthronement ceremony of the new Roman Catholic bishop in London, Most Rev. Bernard Griffin, as follows:

"The vast interior of the Cathedral was heavily laden with incense. Great candles burned on a high altar and flood-lighting made the crimson, white and black robes of the clergy stand out in vivid contrast. Toward the close of the two-hour service the Archbishop emerged from the secretarium, wearing his golden mitre and his cape of gold cloth and grasping a golden crozier. He walked in the procession to a white throne on the north side of the choir while the choir sang, 'Ecce Sacerdos Magnus' (Behold the Great Priest)."

<sup>5</sup> Cf. *Encyclopedia Britannica* (14th edition), XIII, 929. Also Josef Schmidlin's *Papstum und Päpste gegenüber den modernen Strömungen*, vol. II. The papal document mentioned above could more properly be termed a 'papal brief.'



## COMMONWEAL MAGAZINE

**J**UST HOW mercilessly well-meaning Protestants are deceived by the 'false front' publications of the Catholic church is illustrated by the following:

Frederick D. Kershner of Butler University, Indiana, writing in *The Christian-Evangelist* a few months ago concluded from an article in *The Commonweal*, liberal Catholic magazine edited by Catholic laymen, that "the Roman Catholic Church gave its blessing to Comrade Stalin." He went on from this to praise the Vatican for its efficient information service and its realization that Russia, having exchanged Communism for nationalism, deserves to be recognized.

It is needless to point out how ridiculous are the conclusions reached by Rev. Kershner. They were, however, arrived at by his natural supposition that this liberal Catholic publication expresses the mind and policy of the Catholic church. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Its purpose is not to reflect Catholic policy, but to picture Catholic policy the way unrealistic liberals would like to envisage it. Much as the Jesuit string-pullers of Catholicism despise *The Commonweal* and the liberalism of the lay Catholics who run it, and much as *official* Catholic weeklies condemn its opinions, it is tolerated by the hierarchy because it makes a perfect screen for their aggressive activities. In a similar way Vatican politicians during the last war engaged Protestant Dr. Deismann of the University of Berlin to edit *Weekly Evangelical Letters* to lure the Federal Council of Churches in America into a false sense of tolerance and pacifism.

The editors of *The Commonweal* are perfectly sincere. But, as history shows,

a man's sincerity is no proof that he is right and no guarantee that he will not work untold harm. As far as these particular men are concerned, the fact remains that if it were not for them and a few others of their kind, the Catholic church would appear in its true colors, as an intolerant, dogmatic organization intent on restoring at all costs its medieval power. No one knows better than *The Commonweal* editors themselves that their views and opinions amount to absolute zero as far as the determination of Catholic church policy is concerned. They accomplish nothing but the deception of liberals and Protestants.

## REPUDIATION OF DEMOCRACY BY LEO XIII

THE ENCYCLICAL *Humanum Genus*, issued by Pope Leo XIII in 1884, gives, among the chief reasons why the Catholic church condemns the Freemasons, their teachings on democracy which he lists as follows:

"They [the Freemasons] teach that all men have the same rights, and are perfectly equal in condition; that every man is naturally free; that no one has a right to command others; that it is tyranny to keep men subject to any other authority than that which arises from themselves. Hence they hold that the people are sovereign, that those who rule have no authority but by the delegation and permission of the people, so that they can be deposed, willing or unwilling, according to the wishes of the people. Thus the origin of all rights and civil duties is in the people or in the State, which is ruled according to the new principles of liberty. They hold that the State must not be united to religion, that there is no reason why one religion ought to be preferred to another, and that all must be held in the same esteem."

## THE LATE 'POPE OF BOSTON'

By P. J. WHELAN

**W**ILLIAM CARDINAL O'CONNELL, humorously referred to among the Catholic clergy as 'Big Bill' as if he were a policeman who missed his vocation, reluctantly died on April 23 at the age of 84, after reigning in Boston as 'prince of the Church' for more than three decades. The *N. Y. Times* after referring to him as a "spiritual sovereign" gave a theatrical description of his death as "serene and heroic," as he passed away with a rosary in his hands.

One of a family of 12 children, born in the slums of Lowell, Massachusetts, a mill town, young O'Connell was driven all his life by an inferiority complex, mirrored at times in the corners of his mouth. As a defense mechanism he built up an overpowering ambition to become rich and powerful. This sense of inferiority was the childhood specter behind the arrogance and pompousness of manner for which he was especially known.

Given a chance to study in Rome, after being expelled from the Sulpician seminary in his native state, O'Connell soon became an expert at backstairs tactics in the church politics of Rome. He ingratiated himself with key prelates of the Vatican court and maneuvered his way from one church preferment to another. His increasing wealth and lavish gifts to the Vatican court eased his way. Before many years he was cardinal-archbishop of Boston. He took revenge on the Sulpician Fathers by forcing them to leave their seminary in Brighton from which they had formerly expelled him.

Cardinal O'Connell, apart from the millions of dollars held in his name as Archbishop of Boston, was a multimillionaire in his own right. Among others, Mrs. Keith, wife of the theatrical tycoon of the early part of the century, left a large fortune in theatrical stock to him personally. Through inside information on stock market and real estate deals, he multiplied his original fortune many times over. During the bank depression in the early 1930's he ruined the life savings of many of his working class parishioners by breaking the Federal National Bank of Boston through withdrawal of \$1,000,000 in a single day.

The Cardinal, educated exclusively in Catholic institutions, betrayed his prejudices publicly on hundreds of occasions without the slightest sign of self-consciousness. His most sensational



CARDINAL O'CONNELL

display of ignorance was an attempt to ridicule Professor Einstein's teaching on relativity.

Social reaction was the keynote of Cardinal O'Connell's public policy. He was the political powerhouse of Massachusetts and the self-appointed censor of the servile Boston press. The corrupt Curley administration that disgraced Massachusetts politics for decades and the more recent orgy of anti-Semitism were by-products of his political dictatorship. Even the N. Y. *Times* of last April 23 was forced to admit that it was through the influence of Cardinal O'Connell that the Massachusetts legislature in 1936 voted down the Child Labor Amendment to the Federal Constitution for which the liberal forces of the State had been campaigning for years. The N. Y. *Times* added: "*The Cardinal consistently fought against this amendment . . . and upon its defeat issued a long statement praising the work of the legislators.*"

Once he became a Cardinal, O'Connell made many enemies in Vatican circles. For thirty years Rome refused to raise to the episcopate Msgr. Michael J. Splaine, his diocesan favorite. When his nephew, Msgr. O'Connell, attached to his Boston diocese, resigned from the priesthood, the Cardinal was blamed by Rome for not preventing this 'scandal.' Later the Cardinal worsened his relations with the Vatican by publicly denouncing Father Coughlin's political campaigning, which enjoys the complete backing of the Jesuits and the Vatican. Father Coughlin retaliated by needling O'Connell as a millionaire basking in the Bahama sunlight, indifferent to the 'social justice' campaign which Pope Pius XI instituted and supported. The Apostolic Delegate in Washington backed Coughlin by forbidding O'Connell to defend himself or

publicly mention Coughlin by name at any future time. Newspaper talk of Cardinal O'Connell's prominent part in the election of Cardinal Pacelli as Pope in March 1939 is pure fiction. No non-Italian is of importance in the election of a pope who is always an Italian elected by the Italian cardinals constituting at all times a majority of the 'sacred college.'

Cardinal O'Connell was honored by the Mikado of Japan with the grand cordon decoration of the Order of the Sacred Treasure.\* After the beginning of the present war against democracy, prominent Americans repudiated and returned honorary decorations received from Fascist Germany and Japan. O'Connell did not. He was a staunch supporter of the *America First* party and fought strenuously against all measures to build up our national defense efforts during the critical years of 1940-41. In its eulogy of him, the *Brooklyn Tablet* of April 29, 1944, stressed that fact that the late Cardinal, speaking at the fifth Diocesan Women's Congress on April 24, 1941, declared: "*Let those who started the war finish it. It is not our affair.*"

*De mortuis nihil nisi bonum*—but this charitable saying should not prevent us from making known the truth about men, alive or dead, who assume importance in the public life of America.

\* See H. G. Wells' new book, *Crux Ansata*, for the explanation of this ridiculous Shinto superstition.

**REPRINTS** of all the articles recently published by Professor Gaetano Salvemini, eminent anti-fascist intellectual and valiant fighter for democracy in Italy, may be had free of charge from Robert E. Bolaffio, 117 West 13th Street, New York City.

## PINCERS MOVEMENT AGAINST THE VATICAN

By L. H. LEHMANN

THE PUBLIC DISCLAIMER by the Metropolitan Sergei of Moscow and Patriarch of all Russia on April 7, against the pretensions of the Bishop of Rome to be the Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth, was a severe blow to the prestige of the Roman Papacy. It was further intensified by the public statement, on the same day, of the Protestant Archbishop of York, Rev. Cyril F. Garbett, heartily agreeing with the Russian patriarch's open disavowal of the Pope's claims.

In an article in the *Journal of Moscow* entitled, "Is there a Vicar of Christ on Earth?" the head of the Russian Orthodox Church cited Biblical texts to reach a conclusion definitely in the negative. Quoting Christ's farewell address to his Apostles in *Mark* 28:20, "*I am with you always*," the Russian patriarch insisted that this was a definite promise of Jesus Christ that, although he would physically abandon the earth, he would never spiritually abandon his Church. Though near to the Roman Church in many of its superstitions and ritualistic practices, the Russian and Greek Orthodox Catholic Churches have never admitted the claim of any man to represent Christ on earth. They have consistently adhered to the firm belief in the Holy Spirit as God's sole mouthpiece for men.

The Archbishop of York, interviewed by the press at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York on the same day, said: "*The Church of England undoubtedly is more in agreement with the Russian Orthodox Church than with the Roman Catholic Church. Both repu-*

*diates the claim of the Roman Catholic Church as to the Pope.*"

These bold statements, publicly made by the resurgent Russian Church to the east of Rome, and by the primate of the established Protestant Church in England to the west of it, are clearly significant at this momentous period in the history of Christianity. For centuries the Vatican has been fearing this very "pincers movement"—one prong from its thousand-year-old protagonist from eastern Christendom, and the other from 400-year-old Protestant England—against its continued claim as sole mouthpiece of God in the whole of Christendom.

It was only by alliance with a strong militarist Germany that the Vatican had hoped to restore its undisputed, pre-Reformation domination of the entire Christian world. To attain it, Pope Leo XIII begged the late Kaiser Wilhelm II to make Germany "*the sword of the Catholic Church*," by re-establishing (by war against Orthodox Russia on the one and, and against Protestant England and anti-clerical France on the other) the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation. In 1940, Hitler had gone a long way to bring this to pass, and the Vatican, together with the hierarchy all over the world, did not hide its satisfaction that, at last, anti-clerical France was crushed, Protestant England about to be brought to her knees, and Russia shut out of Europe behind the borders of former Poland. It then looked as if all of Europe was safely united under the Axis-Vatican control, and that the "new order" of

the Holy Roman Empire had begun. And it would have been easy to proceed later to bring the Americas into line, by way of South America.

Vatican hopes for that "new order" in Europe have now vanished, but not for North and South America, where the danger of Roman Catholic totalitarianism in alliance with Fascism is steadily increasing.

The combined public denial of the Pope's claim as Vicar of Christ by the Patriarch of Russia and the Primate of England may not be without its effect in stemming the tide of Papal political pretensions. We hope, too, that it will convince Roman Catholics throughout the world that, in the words of Patriarch Sergei, *"to speak of replacing Christ by any man, is not only unacceptable, but is not without considerable blasphemy for the sensitive Christian conscience."*

### 'ARMORED BIBLE' FRAUD

THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION charged in a complaint on April 26, that steel-covered New Testaments and Catholic Prayer books sold and distributed by the Arthur Von Senden Co., Inc., of Pittsburgh, Pa., "are not capable of deflecting bullets, shrapnel or bayonets" as claimed.

The complaint also charged that the Pittsburgh firm had made "false, deceptive and misleading statements" in advertising the metal-covered religious book as a "shield of faith" which, if carried in his breast pocket by a man in service "protects the heart."

"The metal cover of the 'armored' books," the complaint said, "would neither stop nor deflect a bullet . . . unless the bullet is a spent bullet, and in such event the book itself without a metal cover would be sufficient to prevent a bullet from entering the body."

The metal cover, far from protecting the soldier, the complaint declared, "offers additional hazard for the reason that a bullet passing through it will be distorted and cause a much more serious and pain-

ful wound than if the metal cover had not been present."

The saving power of the Word of God in the Bible is not in the book itself, any more than in a medal or a statue, but in the faith in Christ engendered in the heart of the individual by the reading of the Bible.

### A NEW 'MIRACLE' MADONNA



"OUR LADY OF FATIMA"

ABOVE is a picture of "Our Lady of Fatima," unveiled in New York on March 26 last, "inaugurating a 'national crusade' by the Catholic clergy and laity to increase devotion to Mary, through the Rosary," according to the Jesuit magazine *America* of April 8. The lay leader of the Crusade is the Hon. Alfred E. Smith.

Pope Pius XII has officially endorsed this



new cult of the Virgin which started in Portugal in 1917, after the Virgin Mary was supposed to have appeared in a lightning storm to three children—Lucy, 10 years old; Francisco, nine; and his sister Jacinta, six—while they were tending sheep in Cova da Iria, in the parish of Fatima about 60 miles north of Lisbon. As in the supposed apparition of Mary at Lourdes to Bernadette, there is but the account of these three children to substantiate this latest story. The Pope now calls Fatima "the Holy Mountain", and, according to the command of the Virgin Mary allegedly made to the children, he publicly consecrated "the whole world and Russia" to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mary is said to have told the children of 'the need of making reparation to me for sinners,' and, as the Jesuit magazine *America* says, "reminded us all that many go to hell because there is no one to do penance for them." To this extent Mary, in the Roman Catholic Church, is substituted for Jesus.

### WHO CAN FORGIVE SINS?

In the Roman Catholic New Testament we read, in the First Epistle of John, first chapter and 9th verse: "*If we confess our sins* (not to a man but to God) *He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*" If Jesus forgives us our sins there is nothing for a Roman priest to do, and if His blood cleanses us from all unrighteousness there is no need of a purgatory to purify the soul. This verse of Scripture does away with the necessity of confessing to a priest, and knocks the bottom out of a man-made purgatory.

"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus." (1 Tim. 2:5)

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### HITLER A ROMAN CATHOLIC

MANY still doubt that Adolf Hitler is a Roman Catholic in good standing. To prove this we have several times quoted from the official German "Who's Who" ("Wer Ist's"), which lists Hitler on the front page as a Roman Catholic. In order to convince those who still have any doubts about the fact, we reproduce below a photostatic copy of this same fact from the British "Who's Who":

**HITLER, Adolf**, Head of the German State since 1933, and Chancellor of the German Reich since 1933; Commander-in-Chief of the German Fighting Forces since 1933; Personal Commander of the Army since 1941; Supreme War Lord; Supreme Law Lord since 1942; b. Braunau am Inn, Upper Danube, 20 Apr. 1889, of an old Upper Austrian peasant and artisan family; Religion, Catholic; Educ.: secondary schools in Linz and Graz; studied painting and architecture in Vienna; settled at Munich in 1912 to study painting, supporting himself as artisan in building trade. Volunteer in German Army, 1914, wounded, 1918; gassed and temporarily blinded, 1918; Iron Cross, 1st Cl. and 2nd Cl., Western Front; after Revolution of 1918-19 devoted himself to politics, becoming President and Leader of the National Socialist German Workers' Party; took part in rising of 9 Nov. 1923 and was sentenced to fortification detention until Dec. 1924; re-founded National Socialist Movement, 27 Feb. 1925; appointed Chancellor of the German Reich by President von Hindenburg, 30 Jan. 1933; member of the Reichstag from 5 March 1933; became Head of the German State by law of 30 Aug. 1934, confirmed by Referendum of 19 Aug. 1934. Publication: *Mein Kampf*, vol. I, 1925, vol. II, 1927. Address: Wilhelmstr. 77, Berlin, W.S. T.: 11 6191; Ober-Salzberg Herche-gaden, Bavaria.

► THE NEW YORK police force recently investigated the sale of the *Studs Lonigan* trilogy by ex-Catholic James T. Farrell with intentions of banning it on grounds of immorality. The N. Y. *Times* of March 6 reported: "The following day Mr. Henle of the Vanguard Press was visited by a Sergeant Sullivan of the police force, who was under the impression that the book had something to do with the Wayne Lonergan murder case!"

Of course the truth will make you free—if you search for it, try to understand it, and do something about it!

## On the Lookout

By J. J. MURPHY

### THE VATICAN'S DILEMMA

BAND-WAGON psychology has seized the terror-stricken hearts of those who were Hitler enthusiasts a few years ago, even though their hearts still belong to Hitler. Even pro-Nazi Argentina occasionally arrests a German spy, for the sake of the record.

Edgar Ansel Mowrer, former deputy director of OWI, told in the *N. Y. Post* of April 13 how the notorious French Fascist, Monsieur Leroy-Ladurie, head of the Worms Bank and paymaster of the German army of occupation, is now putting up a last-minute false front by pretending to organize the peasants on his estate into would-be "underground resistance groups."

The *N. Y. Post* on last March 17 and again on April 14 ran large-type headlines telling how Archbishop Groeber of Freiburg-im-Breisgau in Germany denounced Nazi paganism.

Allowing for customary exaggerations the above report may be true, since outright repudiation of Nazi paganism was never forbidden by Hitler. Distorted in the American press, such a proclamation of elementary Christian doctrine is made to appear like a daring denunciation of the political principles of the Nazi State, which are something entirely apart from the religious speculations of Rosenberg and other theorists of left-wing Nazism.

It is important to note that Archbishop Groeber was appointed bishop of Freiburg-im-Breisgau by Pope Pius XI in 1932, contrary to the express wishes of the Freiburg diocese, precisely because he favored collaboration with Hitler. This fact is alluded to by Konrad Helden in his authoritative book, *Der Fuehrer*, page 456. Speaking farther on of the same archbishop in 1933, after Hitler attained power, Helden says on page 602:

"Matthias Groeber, the Catholic archbishop appointed by Rome, who had concluded his shrewd compromise with National Socialism the year before, now

carried his shrewdness one step farther. He ordered his clergymen, who gave religious instruction in the schools, to use the Hitler salute."

Archbishop Groeber, as a direct appointee of Rome, is obviously one of the Vatican's key men in Germany. Just as he was told to play up to Hitler previously, he may have been given orders in 1944, as Hitler's doom approaches, to make allowable criticisms of Nazi paganism that will lend themselves to misinterpretation as attacks on Hitler in the Catholic propaganda releases from Switzerland to the American press.

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### OBSTRUCTING HEALTH EDUCATION

THE LEGION OF DECENCY, Catholic pressure group for control of the motion picture world, has scored a new victory for the forces of reaction. It has forced the U. S. Public Health Service to withdraw its sponsorship of a restrained educational picture on venereal diseases. The picture was made at public expense as a contribution to the war effort, since loss of days through venereal illness handicaps both the Armed Services and the defense industries. Completion of this picture was hailed by the War Activities Committee of the Office of War Information as a genuine war accomplishment. As a result of the *Legion of Decency* ban this educational picture will be barred from movie theatres of the entire country.

The National Council on Freedom from Censorship, which includes H. V. Kaltenborn, Clifton Fadiman and many other prominent writers, denounced this arbitrary action of the *Legion of Decency* as "pressure from intolerant sources." But the Catholic machine sheds criticism easily and has succeeded once more in forcing its peculiar moral notions down the throat of American Protestants.

In this country the Roman Catholic church has successfully fought against child labor bills, pre-marital physical examination laws, sex instruction in public schools and many other social welfare measures. Just last February 28 the *National Catholic Welfare Conference*, official Washington mouthpiece of the Catholic hierarchy, declared its opposition to a bill with social medicine provisions, adding that "the mere fact that social legislation meets the social needs and responds to social demands is of itself not



a strong enough reason to merit the support of a Catholic."

Typical of the medieval moral outlook which the Roman Catholic church seeks to impose on the 20th century American public is its approval of syphilitic marriages in spite of the physical horrors that result even to innocent babies. In *The Catholic Mind* of January 22, 1939, Father Francis J. Connell justified Catholic opposition to pre-marital physical examinations and allowance of marriages between syphilitics by advancing the following reason:

"All the physical afflictions that can ensue from the marriage of a diseased person, both to the healthy consort and to the offspring, are an immeasurably lesser evil than one mortal sin which the marriage could avert."

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## PUERTO RICAN PROTESTANTS SPEAK UP

RELIGIOUS instruction in Puerto Rico on a 'released time program' has been strenuously opposed by Protestant pastors and laymen from every part of the island. Catholics, on the other hand, have heartily approved the proposal, known as the Galarido Plan. The Puerto Rican correspondent of *The Christian Century* reported that in view of the results of Catholic Church control of education for four centuries, the Protestants are fully aware of its efforts to regain control by the use of 'released time' as an opening wedge. *Even after strenuous educational efforts on the part of the United States Government in the past century, 35 per cent of Puerto Rico's 2,000,000 inhabitants still cannot read nor write.* Before American occupation of this island illiteracy was the common lot.

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## 'VICAR OF CHRIST'

IN HIS SPEECH of last March 13, Pope Pius XII, speaking to the poverty-stricken refugees from southern Italy, referred to himself as "the Vicar of Christ" and later quoted the words of Christ, "Foxes have their holes and birds of the air their nests, but the son of man has nowhere to lay his head." Living as he does in the pomp and splendor of a Roman emperor, carried about by his fellow men and attend-

ed by servants waving ostrich feathers, it is unlikely that the Pope will realize the incongruity of taking on his lips the words of the impoverished Christ whom he professes to imitate.



## EVEN DEWEY DOES IT

GOVERNOR DEWEY, prospective Republican candidate for the U. S. presidency in 1944, is catering to the Catholic vote. His New York political manager, Thomas J. Curran, Jesuit graduate, has been given the \$12,000 sinecure as New York Secretary of State. Other Catholic appointees of Governor Dewey recently mentioned in the press are: John F. O'Connell, Jesuit graduate, chairman of the State Liquor Authority at \$12,000 a year. Miss Mary H. Donlon, prominent in Catholic *Newman Club* activities, was made chairman of the State Liquor Industrial Board at \$8,500 a year. Nicholas H. Pinto, prominent Knight of Columbus, was appointed Kings County judge on April 15, with assurance of Republican candidacy in next fall's elections for a 14-year term in the same position. Father William J. Kelley, named two years ago by Governor Dewey as a high-salaried member of the three-man State Labor Relations Board, was raised on last March 27 to the chairmanship of this board. Dewey's press secretary is James C. Haggerty.

Governor Dewey in an address last March interpreted the Russian attack on Vatican Fascism as a cause of disunity between Russia and the United States. The State legislature, over which he has a dominant influence, went officially on record as protesting against Russia's denunciation of Vatican politics.

One of Dewey's most intimate friends is the well-known Presbyterian and international lawyer John Foster Dulles. He is considered Dewey's personal choice for U. S. Secretary of State, should Dewey be elected President. Mr. Dulles, a strong believer in Catholic appeasement, did everything in his power to prevent the *Federal Council of Churches* from issuing on December 11, 1942, its official protest against "the pretension of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to circumscribe the religious freedom of Protestant Christians" particularly in Latin America.

The newspaper *PM* of March 24 carried a report of an understanding between Governor Dewey and Jim Farley to cooperate in the defeat of Roosevelt as a fourth-term

candidate. In any event, Thomas J. Curran, Dewey's right-hand man in New York City, addressed a communion breakfast of Catholic court attachés last March in which he said:

"This is the greatest gathering of Democrats who are going to vote Republican this year that I have ever seen."

Curran's remark was greeted by enthusiastic applause, according to newspaper reports.

Meanwhile President Roosevelt continued to hand out his usual lavish patronage to Catholics. One of the latest of his New York appointments was that of Joseph P. Marcelle of Brooklyn, graduate of St. John's University, to the lucrative post of Collector of Internal Revenue in the first New York district.

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## BRITISH PROTESTANTISM PROTESTS

RECENTLY the Protestant Archbishop of York, speaking in Durham cathedral, condemned the "humiliating terms" imposed by the Roman Catholic church in mixed marriages. He declared that the loyalty of some members of the Church of England was "very passive" and he said "they yielded too easily, for instance, to the stipulation that a non-Catholic married in the Catholic Church must promise that all children of the marriage shall be brought up in the Catholic religion." He said that this was "*a hard, cruel choice imposed on a man or woman deeply in love. A loyal member of the Church of England would unhesitatingly refuse to assent to such humiliating terms.*"

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## SHEEN, DRUM-BEATER OF CATHOLICISM

THE REVEREND Guy Emory Shipier, editor of *The Churchman*, a national Episcopal magazine, in an address at Grace Episcopal Church in New York City, censured Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen for misleading the American public in regard to Russia just as he had done a few years previously in regard to Republican Spain. Dr. Shipier was quoted by the *Associated Press* as follows:

"The propaganda against Russia has been done skilfully and continuously by some of the Roman Catholic Church's best leaders, among them Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, whose propaganda, along with

that of Father Joseph Thornton, against the Republic of Spain was so effective in misleading millions of citizens of the United States."

Pointing out that every intelligent American now realizes that the first phase of the present war of Fascism against Democracy was the Spanish civil war, Dr. Shipier went on to say:

"But throughout that conflict Sheen and Thornton were telling the people of America that we must give no help to the Loyalists against Franco—who had been designated by the Pope as the Christian generalissimo."

The pontifical infallibility assumed by Msgr. Sheen when speaking even of purely political and secular subjects was taken to task in recent months in a leading editorial of *The Courier-Journal* of St. Louis, Missouri. This courageous Southern newspaper spoke of him as "an individual of known bias where Russia is concerned" and criticized "the authoritative tone often assumed by Msgr. Sheen in speaking outside the restricted field of faith and morals."

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## RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE

THE STUBBORN refusal of the Catholic hierarchy to use its press and its parochial schools to fight anti-Semitism encouraged religious intolerance that was bound in time to vent itself on Protestant churches as well as on Jewish synagogues.

What religious tolerance can be expected of parochial school students as long as they are taught that Protestantism is an heretical absurdity and a rival of their church? That this is official Catholic teaching can be seen in the lengthy quotations from the *Catholic Encyclopedia* given in our issue of last November.

Or, to be more specific, what is to be the conclusion of impressionable Catholic boys at an age when they think in terms of rival gangs, when they read that, "*Certainly Martin Luther was and is a shame to the human race . . . Probably the most pernicious fifth columnist since the nefarious Judas Iscariot.*" Incredible as it sounds, these words are a quotation from a vilification of all the founders of Protestantism in the July 1941 issue of the *Saint Joseph Magazine* published at Mount Angel Abbey in Oregon.

## TISO STILL NAZI PRIEST-PUPPET

FATHER TISO, the Coughlin of Slovakia, has in the last few years been signally honored by both Hitler and the Pope, since he became betrayer and Nazi puppet ruler of his native land. Hitler conferred on him last year Nazi Germany's highest honors, following his almost complete extermination of Slovakian Jews. Pope Pius XI, not many months before, had made him a member of his entourage with rank of Right Reverend Monsignor and the accompanying pontifical privileges.

The N. Y. *Post* of last March 23 reported that "the Slovak quisling, President Tiso, recently went to Hitler's headquarters." It noted that a few days later "Slovakia yielded its nominal independence to Germany." Msgr. Tiso continues to rule as Hitler's representative.

The first of this year there were newspaper reports to the effect that Msgr. Tiso had "retired as a Roman Catholic monsignor and as a priest." These reports were unfounded. His standing both as a Roman Catholic priest and a pontifical prelate remains unchanged, as was admitted in *The Tidings*, official newspaper of the Los Angeles archdiocese, in its issue of last January 28.

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## DOORS TO COLOMBIA SLAMMED ON PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES

DESPITE urgent protests to our State Department because of its refusal to permit Protestant missionaries to enter South American countries, Colombia has been added to those countries closed to them. The following is from the April issue of the official publication of *The Association of Baptists for World Evangelism*:

"Mr. and Mrs. Orville Floden, who were to have left early in January for Colombia, South America, are still in Philadelphia seeking further guidance from the Lord, and meanwhile helping out in the Mission Headquarters and taking deputation engagements as they open up.

Colombia has been wide open as a mission field until recent weeks. We have sent three missionary couples into Colombia in the last year, the Davises, the Burns, and the Carders. Everything was in order for the Flodens to follow, but our State Department has now refused to issue the passports.

A personal conference with the Chief of the Passport Division of the State Department elicited the information that *the religious situation in Colombia just now is very tense because of the increasing opposition of the Roman Catholics to Protestant activities in that country.* Numerous outbreaks of violence have occurred, with rioting and stoning, in various parts of Colombia. The State Department feels that if very many more missionaries are permitted to enter Colombia just now the result may possibly be legislative action which would set the whole missionary cause in Colombia back many years.

That, of course, is a question of opinion. The truth of the matter is that right now Washington is refusing to let the missionaries go to Colombia, rather than the government of Colombia refusing to permit missionaries to enter the country. *This shows to what extent the powerful political lobby of the Roman Catholic Church has made its influence felt in Washington.*

Doors are closed in some South American countries by governmental action in those particular countries. But here we have an entirely new situation with reference to Colombia. *The obstacles now are in Washington, rather than in Colombia.* Our own government, pledged to religious liberty and the rights of minorities, in the midst of a war to preserve the Four Freedoms, has now capitulated to the power of Rome and is refusing to issue passports lest by so doing we give the enemy occasion to instigate legislative action in Colombia designed to prohibit Protestants from entering the country.

Reports from our missionaries in Colombia tell us that very quiet and peaceful meetings have been attacked and broken up by mobs of fanatical Catholics, incited and stirred up to hatred and violence by priests working behind the scenes. The missionaries have not stirred up attacks and violence. It is the priests who have done so. And then the missionaries are blamed, and our Government listens and gives in to that propaganda that missionaries are troublemakers.

To what have we come? In effect it means that our government has taken sides with the Roman Catholic church, and is discriminating in favor of priests and nuns who are going to all South American countries in droves, while passports are denied to Protestant missionaries. Where is religious liberty? Where are the rights of minorities?"

## THE WAR ON PROTESTANTISM IN SOUTH AMERICA

**E**VERY Protestant American should read the *Joint Pastoral Letter* issued last December by all the Catholic bishops of Peru. It is a veritable declaration of war against Protestant missionaries there and further proof that the Roman Catholic church is determined that there must be no religious freedom for Protestants in South American countries.

The document is too long to publish here in full, and can be had from *The Committee On Cooperation in Latin America*, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City. Furthermore, lest we be accused of distorting what the Peruvian bishops have decreed, we confine ourselves to reproducing here, word for word, an approving summary published in *The Monitor*, official weekly newspaper of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco, in its issue of March 11, 1944. With evident delight, this Catholic newspaper of San Francisco informs its readers in this country of the contents of the proclamation of the Bishops of Peru as follows (quotations in bold type are as in original):

**L**IMA (NC).—A Joint Pastoral issued by the Peruvian Hierarchy, following its General Assembly, warns against a "common and grave danger that seriously threatens the purity and unity of our religious faith . . . We mean Protestant propaganda." The Pastoral is signed by the Archbishop of Lima and Primate of Peru, the Archbishop of Cuzco, Arequipa and Trujillo, and the Bishops of Puno, Piura, Ayachucho, Chachapoyas, Huanuco and Huaraz, and the Vicars Apostolic of San Gabriel del Marañon and San Francisco del Ucayali.

"We find ourselves confronted with a disagreeable incident, produced recently in the Upper Chamber," the Pastoral says; "an incident that could not fail to arouse our distrust and to occasion our pastoral protest, and to alarm no less the national Catholic conscience. We allude to the guarantees asked and obtained in favor of Protestant propaganda—that is to say, in favor of foreign sects who come to wound our religious feelings which 'in the national majority' are Catholic—precisely at a time when the same Chamber is considering the nationalization of the clergy and the rejection of foreign clergy whose mission is certainly not that of de-Christianizing our Country. Without much stretching of the imagination, we Catholics have been able to evoke the mournful era of revolution in Mexico which produced all sorts of guaranties for Protestants while the

**Church of Christ was gagged through the closing of Catholic churches and schools, the expulsion of priests, and the suppression of Catholic worship."**

### 'Mercenary Pastors'

The Pastoral denounces the activities of the legion of mercenary pastors "who have invaded our national soil" and who while "seeking self-protection under the guaranties of an official tutelage," abuse the "hospitality which our soil has liberally granted them." After reviewing the Protestant invasion of Peru since it began in 1877, the Pastoral reminds that the first groups functioned undercover because Article 4 of the Peruvian Constitution established that "the Religion of the State shall be Catholic, Apostolic, Roman to the exclusion of any other worship."

Protestant sects and non-Catholic societies, the Pastoral says, did not cease until they had obtained from Congress, "under specious pretexts, first the mutilation and then the abrogation of this Article." The sanctioning of "freedom of worship," it notes, let loose a flood of vehemence: "As though they were already masters of our soil, they seemed to think that they were

authorized to demolish the centuries-old edifice of our Catholicism, applying the incendiary torch of their heretical blasemies to convert the native land of St. Rose into a fief of the Protestant Reformation."

After citing the soap-box preaching in the streets, plazas, and parks of cities, the Pastoral says that these "Evangelistic missions" are trying to usurp the role of the "authentic missionaries of the Gospel" by establishing themselves in towns where "pastors and nurses, with a light baggage of medical knowledge, equipped with medicaments by their institutions, frequently launch themselves in this field without legal approval and behind the backs of native-born professionals in this service."

"We warn," the Peruvian Hierarchy proclaims, "that Protestant propaganda is being carried on preferably in the small community; that is to say, among those who for lack of instruction are not sufficiently equipped to discern personally between dogmatic truth and error, and who, furthermore, are being exploited with facility by means of heretical sophisms."

### Three Errors Stressed

The Pastoral then stresses the three principal Protestant errors: **denial of the**

**Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament, of intercession of the Blessed Virgin and the Saints, and of the divine nature of the Catholic priesthood and the primacy of the Sovereign Pontiff.** Four centuries ago, it adds, the Gospel was brought to Latin America and Protestantism's efforts along that line can be regarded only as an attempt to "undermine our faith." "Whatever attacks our spiritual unity," it adds, "is an attack upon our nationality because the spiritual values that have actuated our country and elevated her to superior rank, have moulded our historic progress for four centuries, converting Peru into one of the greatest cultural centers of South America."

"If our frank loyalty to the Catholic Church imposes upon us the duty of virile opposition to Protestant advances," the Pastoral concludes, "it also imposes the charity of Christ towards these misguided children of the Church. We beseech God that He may loose from their eyes the blindfold that hides the truth, and bring them also into the one fold of the Catholic Church, under the crook of the sole visible shepherd constituted by Christ, the Roman Pontiff. Let us pray, therefore, for their conversion as do our brothers, the 25,000,000 Catholics of the United States."

In contrast to this official incitement to hatred and violence against the Protestant minority by the combined hierarchy of Peru, here in the United States the Roman Catholic minority receives the lion's share of support and special privileges both from government and the Protestant majority. The mere lip-service to religious freedom and minority rights proclaimed by Catholic spokesmen in this country is shown for what it is by the intolerant actions of their church wherever it can put its own policy into force.

## RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

**A**CCORDING to *The United Church Observer* of Toronto, Canada, (as reported in *Zion's Herald* of April 12, 1944) the principle by which chaplains are appointed for the Canadian Army has been: *the appointment of one Roman Catholic chaplain for every 500 Roman Catholic soldiers, but only one Protestant chaplain for every 1,000 Protestants.* This same 2-to-1 ratio in favor of the Roman Catholic minority holds also in Army training schools.

According to information supplied in the Canadian House of Commons, the following was made known: "As of December 31, 1943, the strength of the Technical Training School at St. Thomas, Ont., was 3,841, divided as follows: 2,829 Protestants, 764 Roman Catholics, 109 Jews, and 139 not specified. There were three full-time Protestant chaplains. There were two full-time Roman Catholic chaplains." Thus there was one Roman Catholic chaplain for every 382 men and one Protestant chaplain for every 943.



## THE PASSING SHOW

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► **SUBTERRANEAN TUNNELS** under monasteries and convents was scouted for many years by over-tolerant Americans as a fantastic bogey conjured up by bigoted Protestants of the Ku-Klux-Klan type. That this was not the case regarding the Monastery of Monte Cassino was belatedly and sorrowfully discovered by the Allied Military Command in Italy when they found that the Germans had been secretly using the mile-and-a-half tunnel from the monastery to the amphitheater for months. This also explains how the abbot and others escaped unhurt from the monastery after it had been pounded by concentrated air and artillery attack.

► **THE KING OF ITALY**, whom anti-Fascist Count Carlo Sforza in Naples recently styled a "stupid, vile, abject criminal monarch," and his government a "putrid little corpse," definitely decided, on April 12, to resign in favor of his son on the day that Rome falls. This was a meagre result from so great an expenditure of lives, political intrigue and diplomatic negotiation.

► **THE ARCHBISHOPRIC** of New York was made a present on March 30, of the seven-story home of the late Herbert N. Straus, vice-president of R. H. Macy & Co., and president of L. Bamberger Co. Recently the Straus family had spent \$600,000 to beautify the place. First report stated that Archbishop Spellman had paid \$75,000 for the property, but later it was made known that he had received it as an outright gift. A few days previously, the Catholic church in New York City had purchased a site for a church in Wall Street for \$125,000. This property is valued at \$450,000 for taxation purposes and formerly paid as much as \$17,000 a year in taxes to the city. It will be now entirely tax-exempt.

► **CATHOLICS** in Connecticut have been forbidden by their diocesan authorities to take any part in Russian war relief, according to the 'Nation' of April 15.

► **A PAPAL PLANE**, painted in Vatican colors and escorted by British and German planes, landed in Rome from Sicily on April 20, with diplomatic dispatches for the Pope from Vatican envoys in the U. S. and Australia, according to an Associated Press report of the same date.

► **DEMILITARIZATION** and by-passing of Rome by the Allies was urged on President Roosevelt by Senator Bridges of New Hampshire on April 8. His proposal called for "a special commission composed of two or more military representatives of the United Nations and an equal number of military representatives of the enemy, with the Pope as impartial chairman."

► **THE POPE**, according to the Jesuit magazine *America* of April 15, "has expressed heartfelt sympathy for the people of Berlin, in a letter to the Most Rev. Conrad Count von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin." The Pope's letter, the Jesuit magazine stated, "was made part of a pastoral by Bishop von Preysing and was reportedly read over the German radio."

► **TWENTY PRIESTS** and lay brothers of the Trappist Order have opened a new monastery near Conyers—in Georgia! The Trappists have three other monasteries in the United States, in Iowa, Rhode Island and Kentucky.

► **OBJECTION** to the inclusion of Prof. Adolfo Omedeo, Rector of Naples University, as Educational Minister in Badoglio's new cabinet was raised by the pro-Clerical Christian Democrats because his books are on the papal *Index Expurgatorius*.

► **GEORGE N. SHUSTER**, well-known Catholic apologist and authority on Germany, has been forced to admit that Konrad Heiden's new book, *Der Fuehrer*, is "incomparably the most brilliant and comprehensive treatise yet written about the master of the Third Reich." See last month's issue of our magazine for detailed proof from *Der Fuehrer* confirming how the Catholic church helped Hitler to power.

► **ADDRESSING** a large adult class on the subject of "The Bible," in St. Ursula's Catholic Church in Mount Vernon, N. Y., on March 25, Rev. Father John J. Cleary declared that the books of the New Testament were "put into the Bible by the Catholic Church." According to the Mount Vernon *Argus* he then declared: "This means that the Catholic Church can get along without the New Testament, but the New Testament could not exist without the Catholic Church."

► **UNDER** the Mussolini regime in Ethiopia, native Protestant Christians were brutally persecuted, according to a recent report from there to the (British) 'Protestant Woman.' Some who refused to kiss the crucifix received a hundred lashes each. One man was given four hundred lashes. "Protestant services were held in the dead of night for fear of the authorities, yet at one Communion service twelve hundred people gathered."

► **THE NEW HEAD OF THE JESUITS** in Rome, for the duration of the war, is Rev. Norbert de Boynes, a Frenchman. He succeeded to the post after the death, on April 13, of Rev. Alessio Ambrogio Magni, who took the place of the late Jesuit General Ledochowski last year.

► **POLISH REACTIONARIES** affiliated with their London government-in-exile have run a refugee camp for Poles in Teheran the last few years. James Aldridge in a revealing article in the N. Y. *Times* of March 19 told how they sold goods sent for the relief of the refugees. He added: "The camp was run on totalitarian lines . . . The Jews were separated into a ghetto." He remarked that the several facts he detailed were only a fraction of what could be told, if a powerful Polish lobby in Washington had not prevented the disclosure. The Washington Polish lobby is strong only because it is supported by the Catholic hierarchy.

► **REPRESENTATIVE** James M. Curley, former Catholic mayor of Boston, has been obliged by a recent decision of the Massachusetts District Court to pay back to the city of Boston at a rate of \$500 a week the balance of \$40,000 out of which he cheated the city government in connection with a water damage suit.

► **KING VICTOR EMMANUEL**, after the fall of Mussolini, had the balcony of the Palazzo Venetia in Rome sawed down to fit his diminutive size. It was from this balcony that Il Duce harangued his Fascist legions and earned the nickname of "Balcony Caesar."

► **THE LONDON Catholic Herald** of November 5, 1943, was able to boast as follows: "For the first time since the Reformation, the Great Sword and Mace of the city of Edinburgh lay before the High Altar of a Catholic Church." The occasion was the visit which the Lord Provost and Town Council of Edinburgh paid to St. Mary's (R. C.) Cathedral the previous Sunday for the purpose of attending High Mass. Scotch Protestants were greatly incensed and made many vigorous public protests.

► **SPEAKING** at the Jesuit St. Louis University recently, Jesuit professor Rev. Claude H. Heithaus admitted that, "St. Louis University will not enroll Catholic Negroes."

► **CATHOLIC** propaganda is now on record claiming the existence of 400,000,000 Roman Catholics in the world. De Valera, dictator of Eire, in his recent appeal to President Roosevelt in behalf of Rome, spoke of 300,000,000 Catholics in the world. Professor Nitti in his book, *Catholic Socialism*, published fifty years ago, spoke of 230,000,000 Catholics. The *Catholic Encyclopedia* speaks of 270,000,000 Catholics.

► **ACCORDING** to the 'Catholic Times' of England, the Roman Catholic hierarchy of France continue to support Pétain's Vichy regime and have taken a strong stand against anti-Vichy pamphlets. In stating their position they declared: "The Assembly of Cardinals and Archbishops of France remind the faithful that only the hierarchy acting officially and publicly has the duty and responsibility of the direction of consciences."

► **IT IS NOW** being arranged that the Vatican have its own fleet of cargo ships free to travel to and from all parts of the world in time of war as in peace.

► **THE FALANGE**, sole political party of Vatican-supported Franco Spain, made a new move in April for the undermining of the democracies, by urging the Allies and Hitler to gang up on Russia.



► **MONSIGNOR** Fulton J. Sheen joined with bishops and archbishops all over the world in warning the Allies against the bombing of Rome. In the Hotel Commodore on March 26 he ridiculed "a government statement that if Rome is bombed it will be due to the Nazis who defended it," and declared: "If we bomb his (Pope Pius XII's) city, there is nothing left. We will have struck bottom. We will destroy ourselves."

► **THE CHURCH-INSPIRED** government of Argentina took repressive measures last March against the American *Associated Press* and *United Press*, while Nazi news agencies and newspapers like *Federal* and *Cabildo* have been left untouched.

► **CARDINAL O'CONNELL** shortly before his death disposed of the millions of dollars in his private estate. This left a mere \$100,000 to be disposed of through his last will and testament. This is a common procedure among prelates to prevent a 'scandal of the faithful.'

► **IT IS NOT KNOWN** to most people that the Communist *Daily Worker*, New York daily, scrupulously avoids publishing anything that would annoy political Catholicism.

► **BISHOP McIntyre** of New York denounced the *March of Time* anti-intolerance film as follows: "It is most un-American in spirit. In fact it is ruthless sabotage. With the blare of trumpets and waving of the American flag it looms as more than sabotage. It is treason to the American life."

► **APPOINTMENT** by the President of Wm. L. Clayton, wealthy reactionary, as key man in the post-war Baruch Plan was a shock to all liberals. Their dismay will not be lessened to find out that Catholic John B. McNamara has been named as his secretary in the all-important handling of surplus war-property.

► **THE MISSION TO MOSCOW** of Rev. Stanislaus Orlemanski, of Springfield, Mass., first Roman Catholic priest to cross the Soviet border since 1934, caused much speculation, till the official announcement was made by the Springfield chancery office, on April 27, that Father Orlemanski went to Moscow without the permission of his bishop.

## About Books

**CRUX ANSATA—AN INDICTMENT OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**, by H. G. Wells; *Agora Publishing Co., New York*, N. Y. Price, cloth-bound, \$1.75; special paper-covered edition, \$1.25.

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In his pointed style, Mr. Wells bluntly warns his countrymen in England in the following passage, which is even more applicable to the people of America:

"The over-confident liberalism of the early nineteenth century enfranchised this body of outlanders, believing it would in some mysterious manner play the game of mutual toleration which seemed so natural to the essentially skeptical and secular liberal mentality. Nothing of the sort ensued. Steadily, persistently, the Catholic Church has worked for the destruction of that very liberalism which restored it to political influence. Persecuting relentlessly where it was in the ascendant, and canting about individual liberty of conscience wherever it was faced by a modern organization of society, this mental cancer has spread itself back to destroy the health and hope of our modern world."

Written in his usual striking and scholarly style, this latest work of the famous

British author is like a breath of fresh air in a stuffy room, and should be welcome ventilation of a subject that is generally taboo to the people of America.

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## RECOMMENDED

**Contemporary Italy**, by Count Carlo Sforza, price \$3.50.

**School and Church—The American Way**, by Conrad Henry Moehlman, price \$2.50—a criticism and rejection of the effort to return formal religious instruction to the class-rooms of the public school.

**The Triumph of Treason**, by Pierre Cot, price \$3.50—An account of the betrayal of France.

**God's Witness in Egypt**, by W. L. Klinker, price 65¢—for those interested in prophecy.

**Under Cover**, by John Roy Carlson (De-rounian), price \$3.50—Has many proofs of the Catholic-Fascist tie-up, but attempts to exonerate the Catholic church while indicting several of its priests.



## POSTAGE POLL

LAST MONTH we asked our readers' opinion on the advisability of securing second-class mailing privilege for our magazine in order to save on our postage bill, at the possible risk of interference from postal authorities. The overwhelming response so far has been an emphatic "No." Typical of the answers received is the following:

"I for one am willing to pay either extra for postage or a higher subscription rate for 'The Converted Catholic Magazine' if it means larger freedom for you and protection against postal snoopers."

We have been advised by an official at the General Post Office in New York that it would be "wiser" for us not to request this privilege. Fortunately, it costs only 1¢ a copy to mail our magazine to any part of the United States.

## THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

### REMINDER

WE WISH to remind our readers that the next issue of "The Converted Catholic Magazine" will be mailed about the middle of August. We need the summer months for necessary research and re-organization of the mechanics of distribution.

### CONFIRMATION

THE FOLLOWING testimony to our accuracy in analyzing the facts of the Vatican-Axis tie-up during the past five years, especially the summary by Dr. Murphy in our April issue entitled: "How the Vatican Helped Hitler to Power," comes from a Lutheran minister who came from Germany in 1938:

"Dear Sir:

May I express my thanks for your splendid April issue. I am able to confirm your statements in regard to the Vatican and Hitler from my own experience in Germany and Austria from 1933 to 1938. It is truly depressing to see how American Protestantism does not even sense the danger that threatens from political Romanism. In this respect, the value of your publication cannot be overestimated."

—Rev. G. W. F., Ramsey, N. J.

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"THE ONLY WAY that we can know what nation is on God's side is to study God's plan for mankind as recorded in the Books of the Bible. We will then find that God is not with the nation whose ruler just utters sweet-sounding words, but with the one that puts into practice God's great truths and relies upon them, according to *Isaiah I, 10-15.*"

—B. A. J., Mo. Valley, Ia.

## CLOSED DOORS

REV. HARRY W. STAHLMAN, Baptist missionary from Peru, writes as follows:

"We arrived here in the States in March from Peru. Despite the action last October in the Peruvian Congress, by which the Minister of Foreign Affairs was instructed to give entrance permits to all Protestant workers desiring to enter the country, the doors are still closed. The Pastoral Letter of all the Peruvian bishops, published in Lima on January 15, was an incitement to the people to resist Protestant missionary work in every way, so the situation has not changed yet from what it was last year. Mr. Aldama, who is a converted priest, has translated that letter into English, and, I am told, it has been published in the United States.

"Working as we do in South America, we can appreciate more than the folks here at home the danger from the Roman Catholic system. I have never seen anything that brings out the facts so clearly as your magazine.

"Be assured of our sympathy in your work, and our fervent prayers for its continued success.

—Harry W. Stahlman".

(A SUMMARY of the vicious anti-Protestant Pastoral Letter signed by all the Roman Catholic Bishops of Peru—as published by the official Catholic newspaper of the Archdiocese of San Francisco—appears on page 162 of this issue.)

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## MORE CLOSED DOORS

FROM Orville and Helen Floden, Baptist missionaries for Colombia, comes a familiar story of denial of passports from our State Department to preach the Gospel in Colombia. They say:

"We are accepted candidates of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, under appointment to South America. We have, however, been denied passports by the State Department, to enter Colombia. The reason given was that 'there has been too much unrest caused by the Protestants who have entered.'

"Thanking you for your outright testimony and courageous stand against 'principalities and powers,' and 'against spiritual wickedness in high places.'

Your friends in Christ,

Orville and Helen Floden

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## CHURCH VS. EMPIRE

"RECENTLY a friend of mine, whom I had known for a long time, confided in me that he had been a Roman Catholic priest, but was forced to hide the fact for his own economic protection. He said that the Catholic bias is so ruthless that, if it became known that he had been a priest, he would lose his job at once.

"I was interested to learn from him the distorted view of Protestantism that he had drummed into him in the Catholic seminary. He had been led to believe that it was a hopeless jumble of contradictory teachings, born of the pride and hatred of psychopathic reformers. It was only in his studies after he left the Roman system that he learned the real facts. He is familiar with the works of the early Fathers of the Church and explained very clearly how Tertullian and others among the early leaders of the Christian faith had the true idea of the Church of Christ as a *spiritual* organization, before the Bishops of Rome decided to Romanize it and turn it into a world empire, with a Supreme Pontiff or Caesar attended by a royal court living in a palace of pagan luxury."

—B. F. T., Akron, Ohio

**THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC, as in past years, will not be published in mid-summer. The next issue will be mailed to you on August 15.**

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